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SHELTON STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

SHELTON STUDENT SELECTED TO ALL- USA ACADEMIC TEAM

Kim Cockrell fourth in a growing number of Shelton students selected for honor

When Kim Cockrell was named to the All-USA Academic Team, she became the most recent in a growing number of former Shelton State Community College students selected for this prestigious honor. Sponsored by USA TODAY, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges, this competition focuses on quality programming and emphasis on academic excellence provided by the two-year colleges in the United States.

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Cockrell was named to the Third Team, one of 23 students selected from over 1400 applications. She is the fourth Shelton student to be named to the All-USA Academic Team over the past five years. Jackie Fazeli was named to the Second team in 1995 followed by Meredith Mettee and Kevin Windham in 1997. Mettee was named to the second team and Windham to the third.

While at Shelton State, Cockrell maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was president of the Student Government Association and was a recipient of the Hope Academic Scholarship Award. She was also named 1999 Homecoming Queen at the college and will attend the University of Alabama next year on an academic scholarship.

In a recent USA TODAY survey, 98% of former All-USA Academic Team respondents said they believe their two year colleges prepared them well for their four-year school. This statistic holds true for the former winners from Shelton State. All of Shelton's former members of the All-USA Academic Team have continued to excel in a four-year college setting.

Excellence has become a way of life for Jackie Fazeli. After graduating as Shelton State's most outstanding student in 1995, Fazeli went on to the University of Alabama on scholarship to continue her education. While raising three children as a single mother, Fazeli

received her masters degree from the University of Alabama, graduating with honors, and is currently employed by Bradford Health Services of Alabama.

Finding happiness and fulfilment in his career is the ultimate goal of Windham, who recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Montevallo. Windham, who is a native of Moundville, AL., will enter the University of Alabama in the fall to work on his masters degree in higher education/administration. Ultimately Windham plans on entering law school or perhaps getting his Ph.D.

Mettee is currently in Hilo, Hawaii, this summer as part of a clinical rotation sponsored by the occupational therapist program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Mettee, who will graduate from UAB in August with a 3.9 grade point average, has received many honors during her academic career. Over the past two years, she has received scholarships from Phi Theta Kappa, DCH Health Care Authority, and the Deans' Scholarship from UAB. She is a member of Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities.

The success of the four Shelton State students doesn't surprise Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "Our job in a community college is to help change the lives of our students. At Shelton, as in other two-year colleges, the emphasis is always on teaching. Our instructors

are excellent teachers, yet they provide education with a very human touch. At Shelton State, we care very much about our students," Umphrey said.

Shelton Names Top Students

Shelton State Community College honored the college's most outstanding students recently.

Jessica Lynn Smith of Gordo, Alabama, was named the 2000 recipient of the Leo Sumner Award.

Smith is a graduate of Gordo High School and has a 4.0 grade point average at the college. This year she was vice president of public relations for Phi Theta Kappa, national community college honorary, and was a member of the Student Government Association. She was selected Miss Shelton State Community College in February and will represent the college in the Miss Alabama Pageant in June.

Smith is on the *Shelton Courier* staff, the college's student newspaper, and was an Outstanding Freshman finalist for 1998-99. She has been named to the President's List each semester while at Shelton State and is a member of the National Dean's List. She is also a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

She has been active in many theater productions while at Shelton State. She is the daughter of Jerry Smith of Gordo.

Norma Nicole Green, a resident of Northport, was selected the recipient of the James B. Allen Award. She is vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa and represented the college at regional and international PTK conventions. This year she was named the Outstanding Shelton State Ambassador and attends Shelton on an academic scholarship. She leaves

Shelton with a 3.5 grade point average and was named to the Dean's List at the college and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Green has a three-year-old daughter and is a work study student at the college.

Kelly Leib Wyatt of Tuscaloosa was named the recipient of the 2000 Harold I. James Award for the outstanding technical student. Mr. James was the first president of Shelton State Technical College in the 1950's. Shelton State Technical College became part of Shelton State Community College in 1979.

Wyatt has a 4.0 grade point average while at Shelton and is in the office administration program. She has been named to the President's List for the four semesters at Shelton and was selected the Outstanding Office Administration Student in 1999. She was also named to Who's who in America's Junior Colleges in 1999.

She is a wife and mother of two daughters.

Tiffany Pate was named the Outstanding Freshman student at Shelton State. Pate is from Boaz, Alabama, and was Boaz High School Salutatorian in 1999. She is a Radioshack Tandy Scholar and attends Shelton on a Cargill Community Scholarship, Northeast Alabama Craftsman Association Scholarship and an Academic Scholarship. She was named to the President's List her first semester at Shelton and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the American Scholarships Honors Society.. She is also a Shelton State Ambassador.

SHELTON STATE GOES GLOBAL

In the past, community colleges were viewed as institutions serving only their immediate geographic area. For Shelton State Community College that area has grown to become global in scope.

This spring 107 students from 31 different countries are enrolled in classes at Shelton State Community College. Their choice of courses varies much more than in years past. For a long time, most of the college's international students were enrolled in business or pre-engineering classes. Today these students are enrolled in almost every academic area.

Marie Winkler, one of the college's students from Germany, graduates with a 4.0 grade point average at Shelton and was selected one of the outstanding students at the college during Honors Night. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is hoping for a scholarship to complete her education at a four-year college or university in the fall.

Thanks to the Tuscaloosa International Friends, this year Negda Leon received a \$250 scholarship to help complete her education at Shelton State. Leon is enrolled in Shelton's nursing program and graduated with a 3.6 grade point average.

Many wives from Mercedes Benz and JVC also enjoy classes at Shelton State. Some of their favorite classes are music and art. Many of the German families who are in Tuscaloosa with Mercedes Benz have their children enrolled in Shelton's child development center.

David Sandy directs Shelton's international program.